

GH Chatter

With word now moving through the CoB indicating that new CoB dean Lance Nail has purchased a USM golf cart it really is time to start feeling sorry for USM students and their parents. Suffering through the waves of recession, and facing double-digit tuition increases, these Mississippians get to read and hear about the luxuries of golf carts and Beechcraft King Air 200 airplanes at USM. All of the ghosts of the Shelby F. Thames administration appear to be happy and at home in the new Martha D. Saunders administration.

Talk of the upcoming (Jan-09) CoB Retreat is in full swing. The "voluntary attendance" aspect has some saying that Nail's plan is simply to attract the newer CoB faculty to the event so that he can begin the process of changing the culture of the organization. It makes some sense if you think about it. The idea of a "retreat" involving CoBers is nothing new. After his first year as chair of MGT & MKT, former CoBer Barry Babin held one for faculty in his department out at Canebrake. However, that one was more about luxurious settings, good food, and libations than it was about anything really productive. With the Jan-09 CoB Retreat being held in the Thad Cochran Center, perhaps things will be different this time.

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